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SUBJECT: BELGIAN EC PRESIDENCY: FOREIGN MINISTERS

APPROVE STRONG ANTI-APARTHEID STATEMENT FOR LAGOS

REF: BRUSSELS 8649

1. SUMMARY: EC FOREIGN MINISTERS APPROVE A STRONG ANTI-APARTHEID STATEMENT FOR PRESENTATION AT THE LAGOS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON APARTHEID. FOREIGN MINISTER SIMONET WILL GO TO LAGOS WITH NINE'S JOINT STATEMENT IN HIS ROLE AS EC PRESIDENT. END SUMMARY

2. FOREIGN MINISTRY'S AFRICAN DESK OFFICER (VAN BRUSSELEN) GAVE US A READ OUT ON SPECIAL JULY 26 FOREIGN MINISTERS' POLITICAL COOPERATION MEETING ON SOUTH AFRICA (REFTEL). HE SAID MINISTERS WERE ABLE TO RESOLVE THE EXPERTS' DIFFERENCES AND COME UP WITH A JOINT TEXT FOR SUBMISSION TO THE AUGUST 22-26 LAGOS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON APARTHEID. VAN BRUSSELEN TOLD US BELGIAN PRESIDENCY WAS NOT ABLE TO GIVE US THE TEXT OF THE JOINT STATEMENT BUT SAID IT WAS HARDER ON SOUTH AFRICA THAN EITHER THE EXPERTS' DRAFT OR THE 1976 GENERAL EC STATEMENT ON SOUTH AFRICA. HE CHARACTERIZED IT AS A "CONDEMNATION OF APRTHEID" WHICH COMBINED LANGUAGE ABOUT ECONOMIC MEASURES AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA WITH THE MORE TRADITIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS - PERSONAL DEGRADATION - ANTI-BANTUSTAN APPROACH. FOREIGN MINISTER SIMONET GAVE A CURT "NO COMMENT" TO REPORTERS WHEN PRESSED FOR DETAILS OF THE TEXT.

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3. VAN BRUSSELEN TOLD US THAT FOREIGN MINISTER SIMONET ANNOUNCED TO HIS COLLEAGUES THAT HE HIMSELF WOULD GO TO THE LAGOS CONFERENCE AND WOULD DELIVER THE NINE'S JOINT ANTI-APARTHEID STATEMENT IN HIS ROLE AS EC PRESIDENT (REFTEL, PARA 6)

4. ECONOMIC MEASURES AND CODE OF CONDUCT: VAN BRUSSELEN SAID FOREIGN MINISTERS REVIEWED EXPERTS' "INVENTORY OF POSSIBLE ECONOMIC MEASURES AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA." HE SAID MINISTERS ORDERED WORKING GROUP TO MEET ON THIS INVENTORY AGAIN BEFORE THE SEPTEMBER 5-6 POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETING AND TO COME UP WITH A DRAFT CODE OF CONDUCT.

5. HE SAID FOREIGN MINISTERS DISCUSSED BRIEFLY AND GENERALLY ARMS TRADE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

6. MFA SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED JULY 27 THAT FOREIGN MINISTER WAS ON A ONE-DAY VISIT TO PARIS TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT GISCARD AND FOREIGN MINISTER GUIRINGAUD ON AFRICA.

7. EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE: FOREIGN MINISTERS RECEIVED THE
BRIEF STATUS REPORT ON EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE WHICH HAD BEEN
SCRUBBED FROM THE SEPTEMBER 12 MINISTERS' MEETING DUE
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